

APPENDIX F

Standard Operating Procedures

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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2004 Gypsy Moth Eradication Project

1. The health and safety of the public, employees of the contractor, and employees of the Washington State Department of Agriculture will be the first concern in implementing the project.
2. Mixing and application of the insecticide will be done only by an appropriately licensed applicator and will be done only under the supervision of a Washington State Department of Agriculture treatment site monitor.
3. The insecticide will be applied according to label directions.
4. Residents in the affected eradication area will be notified of the projected dates and times of insecticide applications through direct mailings, open house presentations, and press releases. Additionally, a manned 1-800 hotline will be established to address further resident concerns, comments, and project suggestions. Recommendations concerning health and welfare issues will be included in public outreach efforts.
5. The project will commence at the appropriate stage of leaf and/or larval development.
6. Weather conditions, particularly wind, will play the largest role in determining when an effective treatment can be made. In the event of rainfall before spray has had sufficient time to adhere to the foliage, a re-treatment may be necessary.
7. Spill control kits will be on site and readily available during all applications.
8. Treatments will not occur when wind speed exceeds 10 miles/hour.
9. Application over surface waters not associated with trees and shrubs will be avoided.
10. Hydraulic apparatus pressures will be limited to that necessary to obtain thorough coverage to the tops of the tallest trees within the treatment area.